

# Room 13's Term 3 Information

## Welcome back

Hello everyone, we hope you all had a relaxing break and are feeling ready for another busy and exciting term. We would like to welcome back all of our students and families and it's hard to believe we are half way through the year!! We will continue to run a consistent and structured program for our class and Mrs Sarah Robertson will be teaching Monday and Tuesday and myself Wednesday-Friday. This Newsletter provides information regarding our learning program for Term 3.

## Reminders

- ❖ Please ring the school's front office on 8261 2248 if your child is absent as every unexplained absence has to be followed up and an attendance plan will need to be discussed after 10 absences
- ❖ We are hosting an assembly this term...more information to come
- ❖ Book week will be also celebrated this term...another note to follow
- ❖ Please assist your child to swap their reader if you feel they have had a successful read or two
- ❖ Our library day will be Friday and children will be issued with a library bag

## Literacy

This term the text that we will be focusing on for our exposition genre is called, 'Dogs make great pets'. The children will develop their oral language skills through persuasive arguments in small groups. Focus includes reading the exposition fluently, identifying letter patterns in the text, forming an opinion based on the text and structuring a written argument that states their point of view about a topic.

Another writing focus will be the genre of Recount. Children will be involved in hands on experiences such as blowing bubbles, building projects etc to give them confidence in writing about these events in a sequential order, past tense and using personal pronouns such as 'he' and 'she.' Alphabet, phonics, sight words, grammar and handwriting will be an explicit focus embedded into these daily experiences.

## Child Protection

As part of the compulsory Child Protection Curriculum children will learn about safety strategies such as learning their address, phone numbers, who their support network is and ways to resolve problems.

## Physical Education & Health

This term we will be working on gross motor skills and coordination activities through ball skills, skipping, dance and movement and obstacle courses.

## Maths

We will continue to look at the topic of number and within that focusing on patterns of numbers and counting strategies through hands on activities used to cement these concepts. We will also be exploring money and financial mathematics for the children to identify situations that involve the use of money and recognise the different value of coins and notes in the Australian Monetary system.

## STEM & Geography

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We are excited this term to do an inquiry based project. We are going to be using the children's input to design and improve our outdoor gated play space, using lots of recycled products and make it a home for living creatures and plants for us to take care of. The concept of 'Place' will be built on from last term for the focus in Geography. Children will describe the features of familiar places and discuss why some places are special to people and living things. We will also be exploring Indigenous locations around Australia. Lots of hands on learning this term ☺

## Specialist Subjects

The children will be using our new STEM building this term for Science lessons with Mrs Robertson and Mrs Jessie Barker. They will continue visual art lessons with Miss Higham.